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A DATASTORE
Inventors: Kemi Y. Ibitayo et al
Atty Docket: IDF 1415 (4000-00900)

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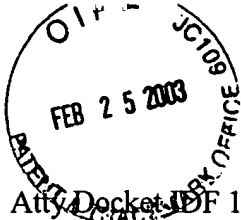
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2002, Applicants respond as follows:

Remarks

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1-4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bowman-Amuah (U.S. Pat. No. 6,442,748). Applicants respectfully disagree that Bowman-Amuah discloses each and every element of the claimed invention. As explained in detail in Applicants' previous response, Applicants have disclosed and claimed a computer framework and method for accessing data from different types of datastores while maintaining a common interface for existing business applications. In contrast, Bowman-Amuah is drawn to a workflow methodology for developing a computing architecture wherein the development of the business